

S-391

c. 1900

Banes Layfield House

Princess Anne

private

The Banes Layfield house is a standard two-story, three-bay, center hall frame house erected during the fourth quarter of the nineteenth century. Although the frame residence is not recognized for any unusual exterior features, the cross-gabled house adds to the turn of the century atmosphere of South Somerset Avenue. Subtle details that contribute interest to the dwelling are the dentiled brick chimneys and the round arched windows in each gable.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-391
Magi No. 2003915604
DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Banes Layfield House

2. Location

street & number 410 South Somerset Ave. ☐ not for publication

city, town Princess Anne ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Banes Layfield

street & number 410 South Somerset Ave. telephone no.:

city, town Princess Anne state and zip code Md. 21853

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state Md. 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No.

S-391

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Banes Layfield house description

The Banes Layfield house is located at 410 South Somerset Avenue in the southern residential district of Princess Anne, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame house faces east with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built during the last decade of the nineteenth century, this two-and-a-half story frame house is supported by a minimal brick foundation and is covered by a steeply pitched cross gable roof of asphalt shingles. A uniform layer of weatherboards sheaths the tee-plan dwelling.

The east (main) elevation is a balanced three-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows with louvered shutters. The front door is flanked by sidelights and a three-light transom. Stretching across the first floor is a wraparound porch supported by square columns with a handrail stretching between the posts. The second floor is lighted by three evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows, and the cross gable is pierced by a round arched window with corresponding shutters. The eaves to the roof are extended. Decorative brick chimneys with dentiled caps rise from the main block and the two-story service wing to the rear.

The gable end elevations of the main block have a single two-over-two sash window on each floor and a round arched window that lights the attic. The porch does not stretch around to the north side.

Attached to the back of the house is a two-story service wing which has been enlarged with more modern additions.

The interior was not seen on the initial visit.

8. Significance

Survey No. S-391

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

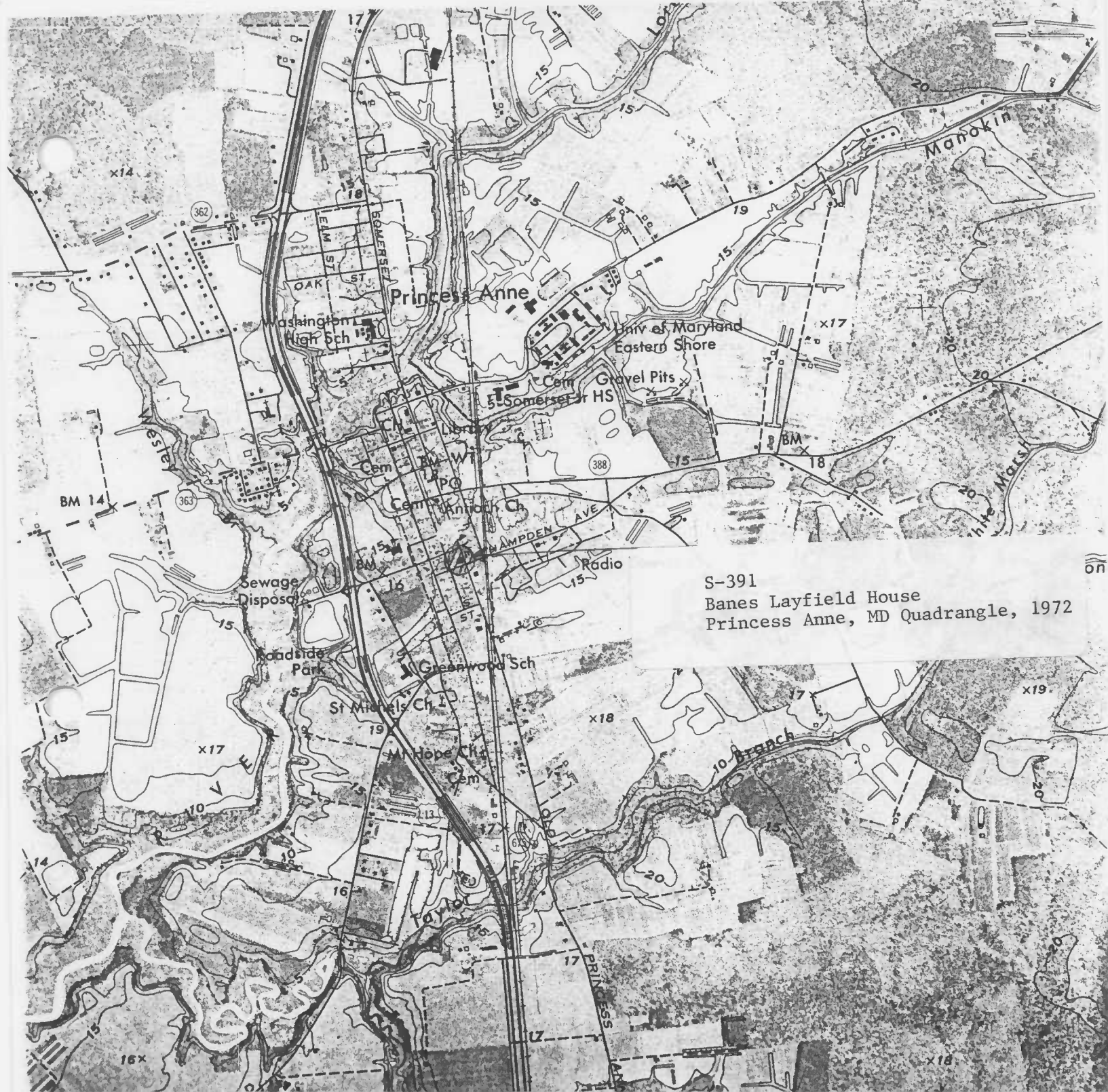
Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Significance

The Banes Layfield house is a standard two-story, three-bay, center hall frame house that dates from the fourth quarter of the nineteenth century. Although the house is not known for any unusual exterior features, it contributes to the uninterrupted turn of the century architectural fabric of South Somerset Ave. Two-story, cross gabled dwellings were built in large numbers in both urban as well as rural settings.



S-391
 Banes Layfield House
 Princess Anne, MD Quadrangle, 1972

on